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AMERICANISMS *

By BLANCHE L. TRUE

We are all rightly and naturally interested in any question pertaining to the use of this language of ours; a language which is not, however, ours alone, but is the cherished possession of 130,000,000 people in all parts of the world. We all join with Walt Whitman in saying that it is the "grandest triumph of the human intellect." We consider it our most prized inheritance, for in it still lives the spirit of orators as impassioned and patriotic as Demosthenes, and of religious teachers whose tender depth of feeling Socrates never reached.

It is thus easy to understand the solicitude with which this treasure is guarded by our brothers here, and by our cousins across the water, and to sympathize with their slowness in accepting as part of the language anything, which has not passed through their crucibles. Yet we can readily see how impossible it is for one word to withstand all these tests, and the question naturally arises, whose crucible should be supreme in deciding whether Americanisms are to be accepted as having a rightful place in the English language?

For several reasons, that question is hard to answer. But it may be said at once that no one man lives whose knowledge of the English language in its entirety is sufficient to make his opinion always authoritative. Then again, who can be impartial? A boat near one bank of a wide river seems to lose something of its size in the eyes of a person on the opposite shore. So, a critic on either shore of the Atlantic finds it hard to be altogether fair in his judgment of the language of the other side. There is, further, the difficulty of discriminating between changes which betoken deterioration, and those which indicate growth and expansion to meet new requirements. Since our language is a living thing, by the very law of life it is subject to constant changes, as are the men who speak it.

In passing we should agree that we are not to compare the speech of our uneducated with that of London's most cultured circle, nor our best literary productions with London cockney dialect; we shall rather try to choose the average speech of the two countries.

We find at the very outset that we are dealing chiefly with British critics, for it is from them that much adverse criticism comes. British newspapers,

* In a previous issue of the Blue and Gold a portion of this article was published. We take pleasure in presenting in the current number this splendid essay in its complete form.--ED.

and even British magazines, and yet higher critics, have repeatedly attacked what they were pleased to call Americanisms—a term almost invariably indicating reproach. They speak continually of the American “debasement”; they say that Americans are “degenerating in language as in everything else”; “corruptions come from America”; the “language is daily becoming more and more depraved”; the “modifications which differentiate ‘American’ from ‘British’ English are for the most part vulgarisms, which, while they heighten the effect of comic writing, are blots on more serious productions”; “Americanisms are only admissible in satirical pictures of American manners”; “the language most depressing to the educated Englishman is the language of the cultured American”; “English in America threatens to become at no distant day a very different language from English in England”; “the inhabitants of the United States have so far progressed with their self-inflicted task of creating an American language, that much of their conversation is incomprehensible to English people.”

Truly, for how much we must answer! We can speedily dismiss the newspaper critic, for, not being in general a scholar, he does not realize that scholarship is a prerequisite to judgment, and he hastens to brand as Americanisms, with a depreciatory meaning of the term, every word not common in England at present. The other critics, however, must be more carefully considered. Fortunately they are becoming fewer who are fearful for the security of the English language under American influence. In fact, we very seldom find serious references of the kind now, unless they arise from prejudice or ignorance; and usually the competency of the complainant varies inversely as the square of his shrillness in protest.

Yet in order to banish any doubts that may still be lingering in our minds and to convince ourselves, if that be necessary, that we are not bringing English to an untimely and disgraceful end, let us try to answer the objections made to our treatment of it.

We must first decide what can fairly be called Americanisms, and the surest way of doing this is to consider the complete list of so-called Americanisms, and eliminate what seem to us not to merit the name. British critics have been accustomed, as one of their number (William Archer) more reasonable than the rest, has pointed out, to consider every unfamiliar, or too familiar term, which they did not like, an Americanism. This is, of course, manifestly unfair. Early in our study of the subject, we find that the most noticeable feature of the majority of so-called Americanisms, is that they are not Americanisms at all!

Probably the largest class of spurious Americanisms consists of words that were originally of good reputation in England, but now are obsolete there, though in good use with us. These words and phrases make a surprisingly long list. It is well to recall at the very beginning that the English language—the language of Shakespeare and of the King James’ version of the Bible—was brought to this country in the early part of the 17th century by English emigrants, who were for the most part men of education. These men would have been most unlikely to abuse in any way their mother tongue, which was doubly dear to them in a strange and remote land. Owing to the infrequency of communication with England in those days, it is not remarkable that many words survived only in this country, but it is surprising that words in use not only in Shakespeare’s time, but by Shakespeare himself, should have lived

to be scornfully cited as "Americanisms" by the poet's own countrymen! Among the number we find the interjection, "Well," which Mr. Bartlett, a compiler of Americanisms, reasonably calls one of the noticeable peculiarities of American speech. He says further: "Englishmen have told me that they could always detect an American by the use of this word." Then, perhaps, as Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge suggests, we have at last a clue to the nationality of the Danish soldiers with Italian names and English idiom, who appear in the first scene of *Hamlet*:

Bernardo—Have you had quiet guard?

Francisco—Not a mouse stirring.

Bernardo—Well, good night.

This is precisely the sense in which we use the word, and it can be found with the same meaning in many others of Shakespeare's plays. For example, in *King Lear*, Edmund says:

"Well, my legitimate, if this letter speed

And my invention thrive—I grow, I prosper."

Later in the same play Albany, cautions Goneril: "Well, you may fear too far." And again, "Well, well; the event." And Kent says, "Well, sir, I'll bring you to our master here." In *Macbeth*, Ross asks Macduff: "Will you to Scone?" Macduff: "No, cousin, I'll to Fife." Ross: "Well, I will thither." Macduff: "Well, may you see things well done there; adieu!" *Macbeth* asks the murderers, "Well then, now, have you considered of my speeches?" And after the murder of Banquo, one murderer says to his fellows: "Well, let's away and say how much is done.

Instances could be multiplied in these same plays and in *As You Like It*, *Richard III*, etc.

The British also pretend to restrict the use of the word "sick" to indicate nausea, using "ill" in every other case; and declaring that the wider application of the former is an Americanism. Could anything be more unfounded? Was Peter's wife's mother ill of a fever? Did Christ heal all that were ill? Shall the prayer of faith save the ill? When fair Helena, in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, said "Sickness is catching," did she mean nausea? Posthumus, in *Cymbeline*, declares himself "better than one that's sick o' the gout"; and we find the word used in the same sense in other of Shakespeare's plays, and also in Chaucer, Milton, Dryden, Cowper, and others. Even the British themselves do not put their soldiers on the ill list, nor give them an ill-leave.

Again the British assert that it is an Americanism to use "baggage" where they now say "luggage." But in Shakespeare we find both the words—both signifying a traveller's effects, and also the trappings of an army. In *As You Like It*, Touchstone says: "Come, shepherd, let us make an honorable retreat; though not with bag and baggage, yet with scrip and scrippage." And in the *Winter's Tale*, Leontes says: "It will let in and out the enemy with bag and baggage." (Perhaps it is only in connection with bag that the word baggage is used. In *Henry V* and in Part I of *Henry IV*, I find luggage.) Other words belonging to this list are: Guess (incline to think), sliver (splinter), and muss (mess). In *Measure for Measure*, Angelo asks: "And why meet him at the gates, and redeliver our authorities there?" And Escalus replies: "I guess not." In the *Winter's Tale*, Camillo says to Florizel: "He will allow no speech, which I do guess you do not purpose to him." In *King Lear*, Albany says to Goneril: "She that herself will sliver and disbranch from her

material sap, perforce must wither, and come to deadly use." And in Antony and Cleopatra, Antony exclaims: "Authority melts from me; of late, when I cried 'Ho!' like boys unto a muss, kings would start forth, and cry 'your will?' " In Dryden and Raleigh we find Autumn called Fall.

Brander Matthews also includes here: Realize (to make certain), reckon (deem), nights (at night). Even some of our slang expressions have a most honorable ancestry. For instance, we find in Heywood's Edward IV, "Let the world slide"; in Beaumont and Fletcher's Wit Without Money, "Will you go drink, and let the world slide?" In Sidney's Arcadia, "Let his dominion slide"; Chaucer in the Franklin's tale has "Well nigh all other cures let he slide," and in the Taming of the Shrew, again "Let the world slide." We find also in Shakespeare's 144th sonnet, "Yet this shall I ne'er know, but live in doubt, till my bad angel fire my good one out." Again we find in Antony and Cleopatra the verb to be square (to be honest): "She's a most triumphant lady, if report be square to her," and in Timon of Athens: "It is not square to take revenges."

Is there anyone who will call these terms Americanisms? Much as we should like to claim them, we can only say that we have done a service to the language by cherishing many a good old English expression which our British cousins have allowed to fall into disuse.

Now, let us consider another class of terms often regarded as Americanisms; what we may call individualisms: that is, words or phrases used perhaps by two or three Americans, but not in general use throughout the United States. In dealing with them, we cannot do better than follow the example of Andrew Lang, who immediately remonstrated when an American denounced as Britishisms some words found in recent British works, but unknown in America. Mr. Lang argued that if Walter Pater used "evanescent," it was not a Britishism, but a Paterism, since it sounded as odd to the British ear as to the American. This theory is manifestly reasonable; and in admitting it we should secure the same judgment for many so-called Americanisms. For instance, when Thomas Edison says he gives a certain article his entire "endorsement," we shall call this word not an Americanism, but an Edisonism. This is surely just, for there is no reason why America as a whole should shoulder the blame, or even claim the praise, for peculiarities of individuals.

And there is still a third class of so-called Americanisms to which the name cannot fairly be given. These are words devised in the United States for objects invented here or for conditions previously unknown elsewhere. Such are telephone, telegram, phonograph, typewriter, dime and eagle, congress, the executive. In this class belong also words taken from our predecessors on the continent, "the noble savage," such as moccasin, tomahawk, and wigwam. It is fairer to say that these words are rather American contributions to the English language.

But thus far we have seen only what are not Americanisms. We have banished many usurpers and are now ready to say that genuine Americanisms are terms commonly used throughout the United States, and not so used now or in the past in Great Britain. We find the list so simplified that we have very few Americanisms to consider. What there are naturally divide themselves into two groups—those which have equivalents in Great Britain and those which have not. When we consider the former group we are astonished to

find how small it is; in other words, "American" English and "British" English are very slightly at variance.

Probably the greatest divergence is to be found in the vocabulary of travel. What with us is a railroad is in England a railway. What we misname a depot is there a terminus. They name those stokers, engine-drivers, and guards whom we call firemen, engineers, and conductors. They speak of carriages, buffers, crossing plates, gradients, and goods-trains, where we say cars, bumpers, frogs, grades, and freight trains. They also shunt their trains instead of switching them. We also hear over there of a keyless watch where we have a stem-winder. Calico is in England a plain cotton cloth, instead of a printed cloth, as with us. Corn there means wheat, while here it means maize. Where we eat beets, they eat beet roots, though they do not speak of carrot roots. They buy methylated spirits at a chemist's shop, not alcohol at a drug store. An American is alarmed at the mention of tinned meat, until he finds it to be what he has always called canned meat. They also speak of a tin of milk, where we say a can of milk. They usually speak of a wire instead of a telegram. Mr. Matthews tells an amusing instance of this use of the word. An Englishman travelling in this country received from his sister in London a letter asking him to be ready to come over at a day's notice, and adding that he "might have to come over on a wire." As Mr. Matthews says, this would seem to us a feat to be attempted only by an expert acrobat. We might, of course, extend this list, including the British different to for different from, directly for as soon as, lift for elevator, leader for editorial; our right away for at once and back of for behind; but however thorough our investigation may be, we shall not find any very great number of such correlative expressions.

But the list of terms which have come into use here but not in Great Britain is much longer. A few examples must suffice. Our university vocabulary is chiefly native, though we are coming to speak in British vernacular of the varsity team, the varsity crew, and so on. Campus, however, seems to be unknown in England; and also the useful epithet sophomoric. Lumber (timber) is one of the best known Americanisms. In the west we find such terms as shack, its compound claim-shack, and maverick; and although ranch itself is a contribution to the language, several compounds are formed from it, such as hen-ranch, which are unmistakably Americanisms.

Now, someone asks, wherein can these and similar terms be objected to? Certainly not, because they are new, for then we should be refusing to allow the language to grow, and that would be fatal to it as a medium of intelligible inter-communication suited to the ever changing conditions of its possessors. As has been well said: "The prime function of a language—is to interpret the form and pressure of life, the experience, knowledge, thought, emotion, and aspiration of the race which employs it." This being so, its expansion and development are inevitable. Let me quote also from Henry Cabot Lodge: "It is not the least of the many glories of the English tongue that it has proved equal to the task which its possessors have imposed upon it. A word used in the United States and not in England may be good or bad, but the mere fact that it is in use in one place and not in the other, has no bearing as to either its goodness or the reverse. Its virtues or its defects must be determined on grounds more relative than this." But what are grounds "more relative than this?" For one thing, Americanisms must answer to the charge of

vulgarity. An unreasonable British critic (Mr. Frederic Harrison) told his hearers that though they may be familiar they must not be vulgar, and must above all else, "shun those vocables which come to us across the Atlantic, or from Newmarket and Whitechapel." Mr. Matthews says of this remark: "This linking of America and Whitechapel may seem to us to be rather vulgar than familiar, and it was Goethe who said that when self-esteem expresses itself in contempt of another, be he the meanest, it must be repellent." It may be that occasionally one of our real Americanisms is vulgar, but surely we cannot say so of them as a whole.

As to the charge that our speech is unintelligible to the British, if that were really so, we could only pity their stupidity. But it is not true. Did you find an interpreter necessary when you traveled in England?

The objection, however, to which we must give most careful attention is that Americanisms are opposed to the genius of the language. But how is this possible? The genius of a language breathes in the speech of the people, not entirely in that of the scholar and grammarian; though it must be admitted that the "ideal of style is the speech of the people in the mouth of the scholar." Lowell spoke truly when he said that Americanisms "do their work shortly and sharply at a pinch." As some one else has tersely put it, "Language, like water, tends to flow along the line of least resistance." It is therefore entirely wise and natural to take the easiest course, on the principle that the simplest and handiest tools are the best.

G. P. Marsh said in one of his lectures on the English language: "When, then, a people once great in mind, great in virtue, powerful in material energy, becomes enfeebled in intellect, depraved in heart, and effeminate in action, and their language drops the words belonging especially to the higher faculties and perceptions, or perverts them to sensuous, base, earthly uses, and is no longer capable of the expressions of lofty conceptions, generous emotions, or virtuous resolves, are we not to say that their language is corrupted?" Undoubtedly we are, but we shall hardly say that we or our language are in such a deplorable condition. If we do not wish to go so far as to say with many critics, British as well as American, that the language is with us better preserved than in England, we will put it mildly and say that nowhere is a purer form of English spoken, and that, on the whole, our influence upon the mother tongue is "both legitimate and beneficial." We can rightfully assert that we have well acquitted ourselves of the duty laid before us in these lines of Lord Houghton (quoted rather for their sentiment than for poetic beauty.):

Beyond the vague Atlantic deep,
Far as the farthest prairies sweep,
Where forest glooms the nerve appall,
Where burns the radiant western fall,
One duty lies on old and young,
With filial piety to guard
As on its greenest native sward,
The glory of the English tongue.

That ample speech! That subtle speech!
 Apt for the need of all and each;
 Strong to endure, yet prompt to bend
 Wherever human feelings tend.
 Preserve its force; expand its powers;
 And through the maze of civic life,
 In Letters, Commerce, even in Strife,
 Forget not it is yours and ours.

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There have been so many good things at the Wednesday evening services that it is impossible to tell of them all. One service of a great deal of interest was the Geneva meeting, led by Beulah Amidon and Jessie Buchanan. Every girl began to wish that it were summer and she were one of the delegates to Geneva.

Miss Corbett, the Territorial Secretary, spent a couple of days (Oct. 17 and 18), with the girls, both days being given to helpful conferences.

Monday evening the cabinet girls and Miss Corbett were entertained at dinner in the dining hall.

Y. M. C. A.

A fellowship reception in honor of the new students, was given the first week of school. All present report a good time.

Regular meetings are held every Wednesday evening, at which interesting subjects are presented for discussion.

At the last meeting, Oct. 19, two of the delegates, Messrs. Dean and Crandall, gave their reports on the Lake Geneva conference. The other delegates, Messrs. Leslie and Monson, will give further reports at the next meeting.

The association has taken up the matter of putting lockers for books in the boys' cloakroom. The plan has been placed in the hands of a contractor, and we are told that it will not be long before the work will be completed.

The Y. M. C. A. begins the college year with a large number of new members and bright prospects for work. The good fellowship meeting held the first week of the semester was well attended and if noise, laughter and disappearance of edibles are indications of a good time the boys enjoyed themselves.

On Oct. 19 and 26 the delegates who attended the Y. M. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva last June will give reports of that gathering. Mr. Dean and Mr.

Crandall spoke on Oct. 19, and Mr. Monson and Mr. Leslie will speak on Oct. 26, The conference songs will be used at these meetings.

H. C. S.

The meeting of the H. C. S. was held in the Y. M. C. A. room, Monday evening, Oct. 17. The program opened with a cornet duet by Messrs. Wanner and Horner. Miss Emery gave a humorous declamation. Miss Merrifield and Miss Joslyn rendered a beautiful piano duet, and were enthusiastically encored. The chief event of the evening was an open discussion of the question of woman's suffrage. Messrs. Aronson, Stever, Leslie, and Titus, for some unknown reason, possibly the hope of becoming popular, sold out and sided with the women. Mr. Leslie stated that there is an intelligent college girl for every illiterate man in the country. (Each illiterate is to be congratulated.) Mr. Rustan opened the discussion for the negative, and pointed out the dangers of "flirtatious politics." He was loyally and ably assisted by Miss Dart and Miss Stella Buchanan, both of whom, with commendable spirit, dared to stand for the right, with the men, against the persistent clamoring of the rest of the fair sex. Mr. Talbot attempted to compromise by affirming that he was a lover of women, in spite of their faults. The entertainment was concluded by Miss Jessie Buchanan, with a taking piano solo, which was so well received that it had to be followed by another. At the brief and lively business meeting, a large number of new members were enrolled.

ALETHEIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Aletheian once had a faculty member who used to remark, "I tell you, this is the livest thing in Fargo College." We modestly decline the superlative, and with unshakable confidence say, "The Aletheian is one of the very livest things in Fargo College." This year's start will certainly bear out that statement. In membership, the Aletheian is going to rise above the top-notch mark of last year. We have not as yet given the new geniuses a chance to make themselves known, but that there are several among us, we feel certain. The literary work this year will surpass all previous records, and "we will" win the New Rockford debate.

On October 15th, the first meeting of the year was held, and the new officers sworn in. The following program was given:

Roll Call.

Swearing in of Officers.

Farewell Address.....Carro Buchanan

Inaugural Address.....Beulah Amidon

Paper, Current Events.....

.....Royal Drummond

Reading, "Jathrop Lathrop's Cow"

.....Edith Colwell

Instrumental Solo.....Jessie Buchanan

Critique.....Stella Buchanan

Miss Carro Buchanan occupied the chair during the first part of the meeting. She gave the farewell for the class of 1910. Last year's class did a great deal for the Aletheian, and they will be much missed. All the numbers on the program were well given, and the critique by Stella Buchanan was particularly enjoyed.



THE WRITERS' CLUB.

The ability to speak in a convincing manner before an audience is without a doubt a rare and valuable accomplishment. This training is provided for in the various literary societies and debating clubs of the school. And yet the fact seems to have been lost sight of, that the works of the world's history, the greatest reforms, have all come from the hands of writers.

In the belief that training should be given in the art of writing and especially to those who have a taste and talent in that line, a Writers' Club has been organized.

This is the first organization of its kind in the state and it will fill a long felt want here.

The membership has been limited and is open only to those who have shown a special fitness or desire for the work. To be a member of the writers' club is an honor of which any student may well be proud.

At a meeting held several days ago Mr. F. H. Talbot was elected president, Miss Grace Leininger, vice president, and Melvin Hildreth secretary.

It is the intention of the organization to have appear before it men of literary prominence who will discuss the art of writing.

To Mrs. Hazelton belongs the credit for the organization of the club. We are indeed fortunate to have as a member of the faculty a writer of the ability

of Mrs. Hazelton. She is laying the foundation for a course in writing that will in years to come bring fame to this college.

We are glad to welcome the Writers' Club to the organizations of Fargo College. It has been said, and truly too, that an institution is known by its organizations. Fargo College may well be proud of its student organizations for they are daily making the name of this institution one that stands for all that is high in college life.

CONSERVATORY NOTES.

The Normal course which has recently been introduced, under the direction of Miss Stanly, is growing rapidly. Miss Stanly is one of our new conservatory faculty members, and proves to be very efficient in this line of work.

The senior class of 1911 have organized with a membership of seven. Miss Lenora Schwartz has been elected chairman. Numerous social features are being planned by this class for the coming year.

The enrollment of public school music students is larger this year than ever before. The work in this department is very successfully carried on by Miss Beard.

The reception given Friday evening, October 21st, by the conservatory faculty, in its new apartments was well attended. The new rooms of the conservatory are modern throughout and everything possible has been done to make the students feel at home in their new surroundings.

Although every year has seen a growth and excellent results, it is hoped that this coming year will be even more successful, owing to the better conveniences.

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EDITORIAL

We wish to extend a word of sincere thanks to F. H. Leslie, who is the designer of the cover page of our paper.

Owing to the fact that a new management for the Blue and Gold had to be elected and that we are a month later than usual, the staff has decided that it is best to issue the paper on the monthly basis, and by so doing make it larger and of more real value than could be done on the bi-weekly plan.

"Manager"

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers the first number of the Blue and Gold. The staff has tried to make it truly representative of our school life. But, students, the staff alone cannot make your paper a success. We must have your lively interest and best help all of the time and in all departments.

Give us this and we can promise you a Blue and Gold of which you may say with pride, "Yes, that is my college paper."

GROWTH.

It gives one a rather pleasant sensation these days to look over the "sea of faces" at the chapel exercises and note the increased attendance over last year. And this is but one of the striking evidences of that spirit of growth which manifests itself in every department of our college.

All the classes from the dignified seniors to the virescent freshies are boasting larger numbers than ever. The freshmen alone report over fifty followers, while the total student body is just twice as large as two years ago.

To meet the needs of these many eager minds, the curriculum has been

enlarged and many new departments added. Among these are the medical, art, architectural drawing, philology, and journalistic branches. Thoroughly competent instructors are in charge of each department.

And gracing our campus stands the new library nearly completed. Do not blame us then if we feel just a little elated and inclined to rejoice overmuch. "Are we downhearted? No-o-o-o-o-o."

STUDENT SELF-

GOVERNMENT.

The question of student self-government has been agitating the minds of the students since the beginning of this semester. Many think that the time is ripe for the inauguration of such a system here, while others counsel caution, and none seem openly opposed.

Like any other question of political significance, it readily presents two sides for discussion. Some feel that

there is scarcely the demand or the necessity for it at the present time. Others believe in the "now" as the basis of action.

Tested pragmatically, the plan seems to have worked well in other places, hence why not here?

The experiences of other schools giving the scheme a fair try-out have attested to the value of the system. From Grinnell, University of Minnesota, Wellesley, Columbia, and other institutions, come reports of its successful operation. In these places it has relieved the faculty of the unpleasant duties of discipline towards the students, placed the latter on their honor, and fostered a strong, self-reliant spirit among the undergraduates.

We believe that Dean Stratton best summarized the benefits of self-government when he said recently, "I believe it to be one of the strongest forces in college life for preparation for good citizenship."

MY LITTLE BOAT AND I.

Down, down the golden center
Of the current fast and strong,
Where the sun-jewels gleam in the rippling stream,
We swiftly glide along.

Like fairy-laden barges,
The flecks of foam swirl by;
And the proud green grass bends as we pass,
My little boat and I.

Then into the cool brown shadows,
Where the graceful willow trees
Like mermaids fair dip their shining hair
And croon wind melodies.

We drift and dreamily listen
To the summer symphony;
Till the sweet calm, deep in the sea of sleep
Sinks my little boat and me.

—Anon.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

At a recent meeting of the senior class, the following officers were elected: President, Marjorie Powell; vice president, Mr. Leslie; secretary and treasurer, Hubert Beard. The pins are being ordered, and it is whispered that the matter of caps and gowns is to be considered earlier this year than heretofore.

The class enjoyed a delightful picnic last week on the banks of "the Red." Mrs. Hazelton and "the Jap" chaperoned the merry party.

Mr. Mitchell (in Public Speaking): "More automobiles are ruined by drink than anything else."

The results of the cover design contest for Mrs. Hazelton's song, "Don't keep the roses till I'm gone" were most praiseworthy, and very creditable to the Art Department. The \$10.00 prize was awarded Miss Sargent, her design being the simplest and most original. Honorable mention should be given Miss Hollister's and Mr. Leslie's work.

Mr. Glasgow spent Sunday in Hawley, Minn.

We are sorry to hear that it has been necessary to postpone the coming of Dr. Burton indefinitely.

Alice Sargent went into Turner's book-store, walked up to the clerk, and said, "I'd like to look at some of those funny tooth-brushes, please," meaning bristle brushes.

In Miss Bestor's last letter, she told of a walking trip she was about to make from a little village in the Tyrol over the mountains to Italy. She adds that she is having a most enjoyable vacation.

Dr. Knowlton writes from Paris that he should like to be back at old F. C. again. We wish he were too.

The freshman class, which is unusually large this year, at their first

meeting elected the following officers: President, Helen Welter; vice president, Francis Lewis; treasurer, James Sharp; secretary, Mason Spaulding; sergeant-at-arms, Wallace Rusness.

Professor E. A. Boehmer will give an interpretative recital of Hansel and Gretel, assisted by Mrs. Wright and the Misses Beard and Steele at the First Congregational Church, Nov. 21st, at 8:15 p. m.

Catline and Glasgow prefer an automobile to a team occasionally.

Miss Ruth Smith, who has been appointed to attend the West China Conference, sails Nov. 8th, for one of five nations bordering on Thibet. Her address until that time is San Francisco, California, in care of S. S. Korea.

Referring to the color of a new dress worn by one of the girls, Prof. Wanner recently asked: "Now would you call that lavender or brindle?"

The junior class held their first meeting last Friday and chose as their officers the following: President, Nell Bishop; vice president, Ira Slingsby; secretary and treasurer, Sallie Craver.

The Girls' Glee Club met last Saturday evening and elected the following officers: President, Ella Beckman; vice president, Jessie Buchanan; secretary and treasurer, Alice Sargent; business manager, Marjorie Powell.

What does Mr. Walker carry around in that "grip?" It must be his dinner for he guards it pretty closely.

Lloyd Musberger, who has been confined in St. John's Hospital since the beginning of the college year suffering from typhoid fever, is reported out of danger. Needless to say his discharge from the hospital will be hailed with joy by his numerous friends.

Most enjoyable were the Sigma Thetas entertained by Marjorie Powell

and Alice Crandall, a short time ago. Not having sufficient influence over the weather man, however, the picnic, which they then planned to have Oct. 18, had to be postponed. Their next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Nell Bishop, Monday, Oct. 24.

Frau Boehmer to one of the girls of French 1 class: "Mademoiselle, is it the same if you have one or two beaux."

Cicero's letters are not the only kind that Miss Heinsius likes to read.

Many new members have enrolled with the fourth year preparatory class. The officers elected for the ensuing year are the following: President, May Furlong; vice president, Edith Colwell; secretary, Gordon Watkins; treasurer, Alfred Suckow; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. McMillan.

Ira says that he doesn't eat his dinners at the college as often this year as he did last. Maybe the attractions are not as "sharp" as they used to be.

One of the erudite French pupils of overweening modesty recently translated, "Va-ten au diable," as "Hop to it."

On a recent Saturday evening, the members of the Eta Chi Omega partook of their annual reunion banquet at the Gardner Hotel. After the feasting, various mysteries were performed at the home of the members. The delightful affair closed, not in the wee small hours of dawn, but in the biggest, blackest hours of the night.

Mason Spaulding attended chapel last Saturday morning.

Miss Heinsius spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Minneapolis.

Why was the chapel service Tuesday, Oct. 18, so laughable?

Bert Noble, a former student of Fargo College, who is located at Wilmar, N. D., attended the Fargo College-Jamestown game last Friday. Some of the

older students remember Mr. Noble's reputation as a member of the college football team a few years ago.

The third year preparatory class has elected the following persons as officers for the first semester: President, Katherine Boise; vice president, Harold Shaw; secretary, Elvira Rasmussen; treasurer, Charles Amidon; sergeant-at-arms, Marion Frazier.

Taking advantage of the fine autumn weather, the sophomores, Saturday afternoon, hid themselves to the banks of the Red for a picnic. After a delicious supper the class entertained themselves for the rest of the evening by singing popular songs and telling ghostly tales 'round the camp fire.

Mr. Aronson in Extempore speaking class: "The park is a good resort for lovers—of nature."

Report is around that Mr. Hildreth refused to qualify as president of the freshman class.

Prof. Brown (turning to class after having in vain tried to raise the window): "Is it too hot in here?"

Mr. Aronson: "Not yet."

The first year preparatory class have chosen the following officers: President, Russell Allen; vice president, Ferne Gardner; secretary, Susie Shirk; treasurer, Neil McLean; sergeant-at-arms, William McKinstry; faculty member, Mr. Brown.

Dean Stratton and Mr. Brown represented the college at the North Dakota Educational Association held at Bismarck.

Sallie Craver dined with Frances Lamb and Alice Leonard a short time ago in Minneapolis.

Each year brings us a number of alleged human beings whose risibles are of the hair-spring variety. We have noticed a few of these undeveloped specimens in the chapel recently. Let a book fall and their vacuous smiles re-

flect the cephalic caverns underneath. If a chair squeaks the unanimity of their cacophonous cackle is paralleled only by the voluminousness of the same. A new professor conducting chapel is the signal for an asinine cachimation. And thus do the intellectually adolescent find numerous stimuli to demonstrate to the world the puerility of their mental equipment. By their brays ye shall know them.

Prof. Fisk (in Geology): Miss Dorff, at one time during the glacial period, it is quite possible that Fargo was under a thousand feet of ice. How long ago do you think that was?

Miss Dorff (thoughtfully): Well—er—it must have been before Columbus discovered America.

Messrs. Gefall, Stillwell and Talbot played last week on the city soccer football team in a game against Concordia College. This was the first soccer game ever played in the northwest and resulted in a victory for the local team. Score 2-1.

Miss Lindgren, '10, who has charge of the membership and employment departments of the Y. W. C. A. in Bellingham, Washington, reports that she is enjoying her work very much.

The officers of the sophomore class are: Mr. Horner, president; Mr. Pollock, vice president; Miss Hodgson, secretary; Mr. Hildreth, treasurer; and Mr. Talbot, sergeant-at-arms.

President Creegan while in Boston attended the A. B. C. F. M. convention and gave an address before the assembly, favoring closer church relations of the evangelical bodies. Later, Dr. Creegan, attended the Lake Mohonk Conference on Indian affairs in our country.

Word comes to us that Miss Best, '10, who is teaching music and drawing in Cando high school, likes "the town, the people, her minister, her boarding place and her work. What more could I say to describe my feelings."

The Alpha Phi Alpha has rented a house on Ninth avenue to be used as a "frat" building.

Mr. Guy Vande Bogart, '10, star end of last year, is coaching the Stillwater High School bunch.

The Y. M. C. A. will organize a mission study class this month. The course of study will probably be home missionary problems as presented in our cities, the negro, Indian or other questions.

Paul F. Peck, Professor of History at Grinnell College, recently wrote the editor, at his request, a detailed account of the working out of the student self-government idea in the Iowa college. Prof. Peck said many good things in regard to the plan and his suggestions will be of great value to us if the scheme is adopted here.

Paul Paulsen, F. C. A. '09, and Miss Rebecca Moore, F. C. A. '10, are teaching this year at Gardner. They have introduced some new plans into the school work and are making good with pupils, parents and trustees.

Mr. Wanner almost attended chapel once last week. Several other members of the faculty are likewise taking advantage of the president's absence.

Mr. Stever believes that a dog's ethical standards are best determined by the vibratory motions of its caudal appendage. Mrs. Hazelton holds that its bark is a surer index of its psychic phases. The wonders of philosophy will never cease.

Men of mettle turn disappointments
into helps as the oyster turns into pearls
the sand that annoys it.

ATHLETICS

As this is the first athletic writeup of the school year, it is necessary to begin at the beginning and give a brief review of the last year's "F" men. Captain Slingsby, Bayard, Trost, Dean, Macnamara, McDonald and Horner are in the game with the very welcome addition from the high schools of this state and Minnesota, of Mason and Roscoe Spalding, Keye, Stickney, Murray, Rusness, Catlin, Glasgow, "Babe" McMillan from "way down East," Rinker, the smiling boy, from Thief River Falls, Gowland from Shattuck, Tainter from Hawley, and Ward from Northome, Minn.

With such material Coach Watkins hopes to land the championship of North Dakota. The game has changed somewhat the past year, but who says that our coach hasn't made a success of it so far, and will even achieve greater success in the two remaining games of the schedule? Although on the eve of our two "biggest" games, with N. D. U. at Fargo, Oct. 29, and the A. C. Nov. 10, the team to represent the Blue and the Gold has not been picked as yet. However the following sketch will give an idea of the men that are trying for the different positions. At quarterback, Rusness and Capt. Slingsby are alternating. In the backfield, Bayard, the old reliable, Catlin, Mason and Roscoe Spalding and Glasgow are working. At ends Capt. Slingsby, Trost, McDonald, Gowland, Murray, Tainter, and Ward. At tackles McMillan, Glasgow, Rinker, and Macnamara. At guards, Macnamara, Stickney, and Dean; and at center Keye and Horner.

Let us go back to the first game with Valley City high, on our campus, Oct. 1. Valley City had a good high school team, better than last year but the final score was 42 to 0 in our favor. The game made it evident that many of our

new men would develop into stars and gave Coach Watkins encouragement to work hard, as he is down to give Fargo another winning team.

Next game, Oct. 8, with Enderlin High. Final score was 56 to 0 and the team showed some signs of improvement. Then Oct. 14, the team went to Jamestown for the first college game of the season. Jamestown college had a very heavy team but as speed offsets weight, we succeeded in scoring 38 to 0. This was really the first try out of the team, and they seemed equal to it.

U. N. D. vs. F. C.

In a battle replete with sensational surprises, hair-raising episodes, and record breaking spectacular settings, the University of North Dakota went down to defeat before the wearers of the Blue and Gold last Saturday afternoon.

It was an ideal day for a game. At an early hour in the afternoon the crowds began to fill the bleachers and the air was filled with gaily colored streamers and college yells, and songs of infinite variety were in constant evidence. The University band of twenty pieces added not a little to the enthusiasm.

At two forty-five both teams rushed upon the field cheered lustily by their respective contingents. As the players took their places an intense hush fell over the crowd indicative of what the struggle meant—championship—college supremacy—what words mean more to the student mind?

The U. N. D. kicked off. By steady rushes Fargo forced the ball up to the fifteen yard line where a beautiful place kick by Rusness netted the College three of their hard earned points. Then followed a battle royal. Both teams showed strongly upon offense and at crucial periods were equally strong on

defense. Twice Fargo College held their opponents for downs within their own five yard line and once the University accomplished the same feat. Near the close of the last quarter the University was blocked in an attempt to kick out from under the goal posts and the College scored a safety making the final score 5-0.

It was anybody's game from start to finish and at all stages a fluke touchdown meant the winning or loss of the game. The University had clearly the best of it in the second and third quarters, but the College was stronger in the other two quarters. At the close of the game the ball was in the possession of the College on the University's ten yard line, and only the call of time prevented the College from scoring a touchdown.

The work of the Umpire and Referee furnished the proverbial touch of comedy to the whole affair. These officials incurred the displeasure of fans and players from both sides and were criticized with fluency throughout the game.

Every man on our team played the game of his life. They all realized the importance of the game and what ragged work would do. In the back-field, Spalding and Bayard were the most consistent players. Their play was always steady and could be depended upon at any moment. Rusness ran the team like an old general. In tackling, in running back punts, and advancing the ball, he showed wonderful ability.

Captain Slingsby proved himself a master of the end position, which he so recently has been playing. He smashed the University interference with marked regularity and got his man at every crack. Catlin, in the half-back position, played a brilliant game and time after time made big gains around the University ends or through their line.

Both McDonald and Trost did them-

selves proud on the end of the line. In running down punts and in tackling their man, they proved to be experts. Gowland, who relieved Slingsby at end for a short time, played a fine game.

Glasgow and McMillian are equal sharers in honor due these star tackle men. Both men stopped everything coming their way and on the tackle plays could always be depended upon for big gains. Horner and Keye alternating at center showed up exceedingly well in offensive and defensive plays. Stickney and McNamara filled two big holes on the line, and the University soon despaired of gaining through them.

Friday, Oct. 21, we went to Wahpeton to play the Science School. We knew we would get a hard game for they had played at Fargo against the A. C., Oct. 15, and had weight and speed. But we went into the game with the do or die spirit, and the final outcome was 33 to 0 in our favor. The game was rather rough due to the frequent interference of spectators. However, knowing the art of self defense, we saved our lives and faces, and all returned in safety to Fargo that evening.

Needless to say we do not incriminate the team of Wahpeton, for they were gentlemen all the way through, and played a hard game. All that was needed was Fargo's and Moorhead's entire police force to handle the crowd. We will take "Skiddoo" with us next time.

At a mass meeting the following officers of the Athletic Association were chosen: President, James Sharp; vice president, Spencer Boise; secretary and treasurer, Harry Haggart; student member of Board of Control, Ira Slingsby; student manager, Billy Jacobson; assistant manager of football, Hal Pollock; manager of girl's basketball, Alice Crandall; and F. H. Talbot as Rooter King.

THE GARAGE

To us has been assigned the duty, pleasant or otherwise, to find things about the college that do not run to suit us, and, like an auto expert, to suggest the proper repairs.

Since it is our duty to do so, we must find something that grates on our experienced ear and detail subordinates to repair it.

What, then, is there that grits?

The faculty, they cause a lot of grinding?

Don't some of them need to be overhauled?

Not yet. And even if it were necessary, as we assure you it is not, we would not bring them into this public garage without first giving them a private consultation.

The students?

"As fine a body of students as there is anywhere," to quote our president, and he does not exclude even the preps.

And are the students busy enough?

Well, with football, Blue and Gold, H. C. S., Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Writers' Club, German Club, Glee Club, Band etc., and a few lessons there is little excuse for anyone who cannot fill his spare moments.

Where can we find something, then, that needs our attention?

As we sit here in the library we do not have to hunt far for it. In fact it comes to us.

First it rests on our nose, and when brushed away, it lights on our forehead. We make a wild pass at it and it disappears, only to tantalize us by walking from our collar on to our neck. We grab for it but it playfully alludes us and perches audaciously on our left hand.

Now is our chance!

With a quick lunge of the right hand,

we snatch in midair. At last it is in our power!

The sentence is instant death and we open the cell with caution. But alas, not cautiously enough. As we extend our fingers one after another, it crawls unconcernedly between the second and third, and darts away.

But others who have been watching the sport take up the game, gradually at first but with ever-increasing boldness.

Now the contest waxes furious. But we struggle against odds; they have the advantage of us in so many points.

Finally, after exhausting the last round of our patience, we attempt a sortie as a last resort.

Stretching our arms wide we give the tormentors time to settle. Several light on the table before us and begin to dust themselves and spit on their hands preparatory to a renewal of the conflict.

But before they are aware, we bring our grasping hands in a swoop down upon our enemies.

Confusion ensues.

Not theirs, alas, but ours. For in that one fell swoop we have intricicated ourselves in the meshes of that placid-faced fly-devil, the sticky fly-paper!

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Perhaps our little parable is not clear and needs amplification. What is our suggestion.

Merely this: Jones Hall has existed for many years. So have flies. Year after year flies have invaded the sacred precincts of the library and disturbed the enforced order of that sanctuary, but never have there been any screens.

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—Otto X. Pert.

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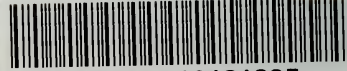
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